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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In the Office Action of January 31, 2005, the Examiner has made a restriction requirement between the apparatus claims 1-12 and 13-19 (Group I), and the method claims 20-24 (Group II). Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the Group I apparatus claims 1-12 and 13-19.

Concerning the Election of Species requirement, although Applicant believes an allowable generic claim will be found for all of Figures 4A, 4B, and 4C, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species of Fig. 4B.

Respectfully submitted,

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